

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, small grain harvest was underway in Arizona, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Sixty-two percent of the barley crop has matured compared with 45 percent last year, and 16 percent has been harvested compared with 2 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Forty-two percent of durum wheat has matured compared with 37 percent last year, and 5 percent has been harvested compared with 1 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was 84 percent complete compared to 79 percent last year. Sixty-eight percent of the cotton planted has emerged compared with 59 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and celery, and western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and watermelons. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, there is still significant drought and the threat of fire is high. Producers have been hauling water and feeding livestock. Hot and windy days in the last week have made for very poor conditions. In the North Central part of the State, water tanks are depleted as is soil moisture, while continuing winds only exacerbate the drought conditions, and are also affecting forage conditions. In the Northwestern part of the State, ranchers are feeding hay and supplements to maintain herds. Spring winds have caused additional drying affecting forage conditions and tank water is practically non-existent. In the Southeastern part of the State, crop and rangeland conditions are still extremely dry. For the week ending on May 13th, no significant precipitation was reported during the week. All but 3 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 108 degrees at Bullhead City and Mohave and the lowest was 32 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Mature.....	62	44	45	NA
Harvested	16	NA	2	NA
Cotton				
Planted	84	71	79	88
Emerged.....	68	50	59	NA
Durum wheat				
Mature.....	42	38	37	NA
Harvested	5	NA	1	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	3	--	NA
Short.....	25	16	10	NA
Adequate.....	70	78	85	NA
Surplus.....	--	3	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	3	--	NA
Short.....	27	18	4	NA
Adequate.....	68	76	96	NA
Surplus.....	--	3	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	3
Poor.....	1	1	4	2
Fair.....	14	13	29	18
Good.....	61	60	36	40
Excellent.....	24	26	29	37
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	5	3	2	1
Fair.....	43	39	11	23
Good.....	39	38	59	47
Excellent.....	13	20	26	28
Cotton		NA		NA
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	70	NA	1	NA
Good.....	30	NA	96	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	3	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	--	1
Fair.....	27	22	7	12
Good.....	36	33	78	59
Excellent.....	35	44	15	28
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	62	53	10	20
Poor.....	38	42	5	17
Fair.....	--	4	18	28
Good.....	--	1	44	29
Excellent.....	--	--	23	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-05132018.pdf

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